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## Activities

## Basic version

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## African Union's 50th anniversary (Page 1)

**Instructions:** Read the article 'African Union's 50th anniversary'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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### Clues

1. Nelson \_\_\_\_\_ was elected as the president of South Africa in 1994
2. Country that used to be a Portuguese colony
3. Country that used to be called Rhodesia
4. John \_\_\_\_\_ is the American secretary of state
5. Dilma \_\_\_\_\_ is the president of Brazil
6. Hailemariam Desalegn is the AU's \_\_\_\_\_
7. Addis Ababa is the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_
8. Country that has spent large amounts of money in African countries
9. François \_\_\_\_\_ is the president of France
10. Nkosazana \_\_\_\_\_ -Zuma is the head of the AU Commission

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**Minoan civilisation (Page 11)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Minoan civilisation'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. The Minotaur was half man and half horse.		
2. The Minoans were Europe's first advanced civilisation.		
3. Knossos is often described as the oldest city in Europe.		
4. Crete is part Greece.		
5. The Minoans had their own written language.		
6. Heraklion is the largest city on Crete.		
7. The Minotaur devoured Theseus.		
8. A huge explosion destroyed the island of Crete.		
9. Arthur Evans discovered the palace at Knossos.		
10. Crete is an island in the Mediterranean Sea.		

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** Read the article 'Unusual new species'.

- 1.** Find the key words in the wordsearch below. Words can go in any direction. **2.** Take the first 37 unused letters, starting at the top left-hand corner of the box. **3.** Put these letters into the squares at the bottom of the page to discover the mystery phrase.

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## Key words

BACKBONE	PANAMA
RAINFORESTS	MICROSCOPE
MUSEUMS	HABITAT
LILLIPUT	TAXONOMISTS
SPONGE	REGISTERED
ARIZONA	SPECIES

## Mystery phrase

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**World Turtle Day (Page 11)****Instructions:** Read the article 'World Turtle Day'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

World Turtle Day	Turtles
Flippers	Sea turtles
Speckled padloper	23rd May
Brackish water	Atlantic and Pacific Oceans
Animal with hard shell	Hot dry places
Webbed feet	Terrapins
Tortoises	Chelonian
Leatherback turtle	South Africa

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**New York's new bicycles (Page 6)**

**Instructions:** Read the article 'New York's new bicycles'.  
Answer questions 1-8. The first is done for you.

1. I am France's capital city.

P A R I S

2. I am a borough in New York City.

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3. I am the mayor of New York City.

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4. I am a neighbourhood of the city where bikes can be picked up and returned.

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5. I am a city in Canada.

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6. I am where the bikes are picked and dropped off.

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7. I am the city where you can use Boris's Bikes.

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8. I am a national holiday in the USA.

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**World Map (Page 13)**

**Instructions:** Listed below are 12 countries. Eliminate from the list those countries that appear on the map of the world. You will be left with one country that is not named on the map. That is the answer.

India

Nepal

Russia

Serbia

Chile

Australia

Ukraine

Ethiopia

Greece

Sweden

Romania

Indonesia

**Missing Country =**

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**Everest record (Page 3)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Everest record'.

Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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**Clues**

1. Climbing the mountain can be \_\_\_\_\_
2. There is very little \_\_\_\_\_ in the air near the top of the mountain
3. Mount \_\_\_\_\_ is the highest mountain in the world
4. 29th May 2013 was the 60th \_\_\_\_\_ of the first ascent
5. Yuichiro \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest man to have reached the summit
6. Tamae \_\_\_\_\_ is the oldest woman to have climbed to the top
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Hillary was from New Zealand
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is a region of China
9. Expert climbers \_\_\_\_\_ group expeditions
10. The Sherpa people are used to living at high \_\_\_\_\_